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SUBJECT: CUBAN REFUGEES

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1. SINCE ARRIVAL 14 CUBAN IMMIGRANT REFUGEES AT KINGSTON DURING JANUARY 1976, ONLY NIV APPLICANTS FROM CUBA HAVE APPLIED HERE. ALL ARRIVED AIRCUBANA. ONE SUCH CUBAN INDICATED NOT RETURNING CUBA. SHE ISSUED IR-5 IN APRIL. TOTAL IMMIGRANTS PROCESSED. 4 IR, 11 PRE PAROLE DOCUMENTS.
2. MIAMI-BASED "ALMACEN EL ESPANOL" REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT NO MORE OF THEIR REFUGEES WOULD BE DIRECTOED THROUGH JAMAICA BECAUSE OF CIVIL UNREST IN KINGSTON--THAT ALL THEIR REFUGEES WERE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO MADRID. A FEW EVIDENTLY DID TRAVEL TO MEXICO. NO CONTACT WITH INTER-NATIONAL RESCUR COMMITTEE.
3. APPROXIMATELY 70 NIVS ISSUED CUBANS OVER PAST SEVEN MONTHS. NO KNOWN DEFECTIONS.
4. ONGOING PROGRAM REFUGEES GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE IN CATEGORY SE-1 INCLUDE 5 PRINCIPALS, 9 DEPENDENTS; 8 SA-1'S SAME PERIOD.

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5. WITH RARE EXCEPTION ALL PERSONS ARE ELDERLY (50S-60S)

AND IN POOR HEALTH. WASH CLEARANCES FOR NIVS NOW TAKING APPROX. 4 WEEKS FOR CABLE RESPONSE TO "PARAKEET". TOTAL TIME GRANTED ABROAD FROM 30-90 DAYS (USUALLY 60) SSO CLEARANCE WASTES SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF TIME GRANTED. SUGGEST LOWERING "POST-CHECK" AGE FROM 70 TO 60.

6. EMBASSY INFORMED BY ALIENS THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO PROBLEMS WITH GOJ RE LENGTH OF STAY IN JAMAICA. INITIAL TIME GRANTED BY GOJ USUALLY 3 WEEKS, BUT WHERE EXCEEDED, ALIENS HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM OBTAINING EXTENSION. DUE WARMTH GOJ-CUBAN RELATIONS NO PROBLEMS THIS ARE ENVISAGED EVEN IF VISA NOT GRANTED IN INDIVIDUAL CASE.
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